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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: SEMI-BIOLOGICAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action of October 18, 2005, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

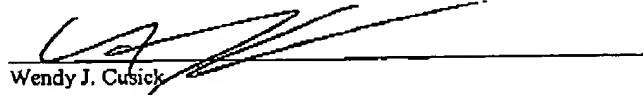
- A. Claims
- B. Remarks

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